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living in faith and enlivening the world.*



## **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

**“The Real Miracle”**

**January 24, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Zoom Worship**



## **Welcome to Cornwall Presbyterian Church!**

We are delighted to have you here with us today. Here is an order of worship if you would like to follow along.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We hope to see you again soon!

**Notes for Worship:** Our Call to Worship comes from *Seasons of the Spirit™* SeasonsFUSION Advent • Christmas • Epiphany 2020–2021

Our Prayer of Confession is written by Rev. Scott Cervas, and posted on the **LiturgyLink** website.

**Hymn:** 401 “Here in This Place” .....Ruthanne Schempf, piano  
Greg Ransom, guitar

## **Welcome**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God who calls,  
we gather together and wonder what it sounds like,  
what it feels like, what will occur when you call us.  
We have set aside this precious time to ponder the question  
of who we are when you are with us,  
and who you are when we are with you.  
Call to us and awaken us to your invitation. Amen.

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Response:** 163 “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice” .....Ruthanne Schempf, organ

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God...you call us...and sometimes...we duck under the table...  
hoping you didn’t notice us when you walked into the room.  
You call us...and sometimes...we grab a stapler and a stack of papers...  
trying to look too busy to be bothered at the moment.  
You call us...and sometimes we just say, “No!”  
We know that we aren’t expected to do everything...  
but we often forget that you call us to be ourselves  
in the places where our very self is what is most needed.  
So give us the grace to say “Yes” to your call...  
even now...as we offer our silent confessions...

### *Silent Prayers*

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The good news is that even if at first we do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls us again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**.....Barbara Fletcher

**Scripture**.....Barbara Fletcher

### **Jonah 3:1-4:11**

*The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”*

*<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.*

*<sup>4</sup> But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”*

*<sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”*

**Mark 1:14-20**

*Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Children’s Time**

**Music for Reflection:** “There’s a Land That Is Fairer Than Day” .....Ruthanne Schempf, piano

**Sermon:** “The Real Miracle” .....Rev. Patricia Calahan

**Hymn:** 69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” .....Ruthanne Schempf, piano  
Greg Ransom, guitar

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” .....Ruthanne Schempf, organ  
Arr. Benton Price

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

In accordance with the bylaws of Cornwall Presbyterian Church, session has called the annual meeting for Sunday, January 31, 2021, immediately following worship, to receive the annual report of the church, to approve the terms of call for Rev. Patricia J. Calahan, and any other necessary business. Due to the public health and safety concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic we will not meet in person for the congregational meeting. The meeting will be held remotely via ZOOM, accessible by video and telephone call. Congregation members may access the meeting by requesting a link.

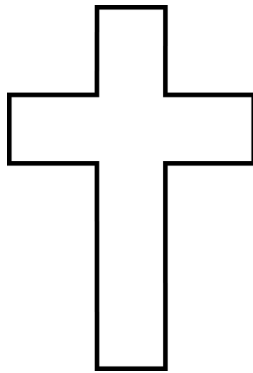
Respectfully submitted,  
Lenora Ransom, Clerk of Session

**Jesus: A Pilgrimage:** Ken Sampson book study continues in the new year. All are welcome to join at anytime. The group meets on Thursdays at 12:00 on Zoom. Contact Ken Sampson to obtain the book and details on Zoom/phone connections.

**Lunch Bunch:** Start the new year with a new book! Lunch Bunch will meet at 12:00 on Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. They are reading Joanna Weaver's Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out. You can contact Marion Thomas for information about book copies. A Zoom link will be sent out the week of the meeting.

**Sunday School:** This year the Sunday School's Souper Bowl of Caring campaign will benefit Newburgh Ministry. They will be accepting food and monetary donations for the cause.

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